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SUBJECT: DISMISSAL OF COLONEL ARMANDO VALASQUEZ CERRATO AS
AMBASSADOR

1. A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THE CANCELLATION
OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER THAT APPOINTED COL. ARMANDO
VELASQUEZ CERRATO AS AMBASSADOR TO PERU AND BOLIVIA.
THE CANCELLATION TAKES EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 1. NO REASONS
WERE GIVEN FOR THE ACTION AND A SUCCESSOR HAS NOT YET BEEN
APPOINTED.

2. COMMENT: VELASQUEZ IS AN INVETERATE PLOTTER WHO
HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PAST IN VARIOUS SCHEMES TO
TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT. HE HAS SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT
OF TIME IN HONDURAS AWAY FROM HIS POSTS DURING THE PAST TWO
YEARS. RECENTLY HE AGAIN RETURNED AND STRONGLY CRITICIZED
THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS POLICIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA
OF AGRARIAN REFORM. OBVIOUSLY, CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR DECIDED
THAT IT WAS DAMAGING TO HAVE AN AMBASSADOR OPENLY
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CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT AND DECIDED TO PUT AN END TO THE

SITUATION. VELASQUEZ CLEARLY HAS GREAT POLITICAL AMBITIONS
AND IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO CRITICIZE
THE PRESENT REGIME IN PURSUIT OF THOSE AMBITIONS.
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